



# Human Trafficking: Identifying and Treating Hidden Trauma



## DESCRIPTION

Human trafficking, commonly discussed under the two broad categories of sexual trafficking and labor trafficking, is a pervasive public health issue, both globally and in the United States. Human trafficking may be particularly challenging to recognize. Victims/survivors of human trafficking rarely self-identify in the healthcare setting and may be unaware that what they have experienced is human trafficking. This course will examine the various forms of human trafficking, including the commercial sexual exploitation and trafficking of domestic minors and children who are foreign nationals, the commercial sexual exploitation and trafficking of adults, and the labor trafficking of adults and minors. The 25 distinct businesses in which human trafficking have been identified to occur will be explored. Estimates of the prevalence and scope of these crimes will be discussed. We will then explore how clinicians may recognize indicators of human trafficking. Trauma-informed assessment and treatment considerations in providing services to victims/survivors of human trafficking will be examined. Resources available to assist clinicians and victims/survivors of human trafficking will also be discussed.

## OBJECTIVES

*Upon completion of this course, the participant should be able to:*

1. Participants will be able to discuss at least five indicators of human trafficking in the healthcare setting.
2. Participants will be able to describe a trauma-informed approach to assessment and treatment with victims/survivors of human trafficking.
3. Participants will be able to name at least three resources available in working with victims/survivors of human trafficking.

## TARGET AUDIENCE

Case Managers, Counselors & Therapists, Law Enforcement, Nurses, Social Workers, Victim Service Providers, and any other interested healthcare professionals.

## FEE \$35

**\*\*A link and directions will be sent to all registered participants prior to the program to log into the WebEx. \*\***

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**May  
26,  
2021**

**10:00 am -  
12:00 pm  
Webinar via  
WebEx**

## INSTRUCTOR:

**Erika Smith-Marek, PhD, LMFT, CTTS**

Dr. Smith has over 15 years of experience specializing in the treatment of trauma and posttraumatic stress disorder as well as marital, couple and family therapy. She has provided individual, couple, and family therapy to over 1,000 adult survivors of trauma during her career. Erika is a licensed marriage and family therapist and a Clinical Fellow of the American Association for Marriage and Family therapy. She is certified trauma Treatment Specialist through the Association of Traumatic Stress Specialists. She is also EMDRIA Approved Consultant and Certified Therapist in EMDR and a full member of the EMDR International Association. She is the Regional Coordinator for the Northwest Florida EMDRIA Regional Network which brings EMDR practitioners together for training opportunities related to the practice of EMDR Therapy. Her clinical and research interest have converged around the treatment of trauma and the use of novel exercise interventions for the treatment of trauma and traumatic stress.

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